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5. The Post and Telegraph Department, as well as the Highway and Railway Department, was under the Ministry of Communications. The telephone, telegraph, broadcast stations, and of course, the post office department, were under the Post and Telegraph Department. There was only one director for the telephone and telegraph department.

The broadcast stations had their own laboratory in the same building.

6. In 1940 and 1941, when the USSR took over the country, there were no changes made in the research, or in little else. There were changes in the administration and there were a few signs that the Soviets wanted to expand the laboratory, but they did not have sufficient time to make any impression.

7. It is most difficult to assess the level of competence of a Latvian engineering graduate of the class of 1944. for one must consider education is basically one of emphasis rather than quality. The graduate engineer in Latvia had much more practical experience because a minimum of 12 months practice was required before graduation. The minimum time to graduate was 5½ years, but this was usually extended sometimes to as much as 10 years, by working and taking the minimum exams to qualify. The subjects one was required to take

the University of Riga required more math. while the specialties were broader in Latvia, all of which included drafting.

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